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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____**b. ☒ Enclosed**i. ☐ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment**2. Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0510i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) | 04/16/2003 SFELEKE1 00000051 500510 09291147ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) | 01 FC:1801 750.00 CHiii. ☒ Other Excess Claim Fee Payment Letterb. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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